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SUBJECT: BRITAIN ANNOUNCES IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

1. CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER HEALEY ANNOUNCED IN PARLIAMENT THIS AFTERNOON (DECEMBER 17) AN EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, EASIER HIRE PURCHASE ARRANGEMENTS AND A GOVERNMENT SPENDING PROGRAM TO SAVE OR CREATE 20,000 JOBS.

2. THE CHANCELLOR ANNOUNCED THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY RESTRAINTS ON IMPORTS IN A LIMITED NUMBER OF AREAS:

- (A) EXISTING RESTRICTIONS ON COTTON YARN WILL BE AUGMENTED BY PLACING QUOTAS ON COTTON YARN FROM SPAIN.
- (B) QUOTAS WILL BE IMPOSED ON IMPORTS FROM PORTUGAL OF COTTON YARN AND WOVEN MAN-MADE FIBRE FABRICS.
- (C) THE GOVERNMENT WILL OPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AIMED AT AGREEING LEVELS OF RESTRAINT ON THEIR EXPORTS OF MEN'S WOOLEN SUITS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.
- (D) POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ROMANIA WILL BE INVITED TO CONTINUE THEIR EXISTING RESTRAINT ON EXPORTS OF MEN'S LEATHER FOOTWEAR THROUGHOUT 1976, AND TO EXTEND A SIMILAR VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT ON WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S LEATHER FOOTWEAR.

3. IN ADDITION, SURVEILLANCE LICENSING IS TO BE INTRODUCED FOR COLOR TELEVISION SETS AND TUBES AND PORTABLE MONOCHROME SETS FROM ALL SOURCES.

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